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Dear Harold (cc Roffman):

Billy piss and wasted sperm? That was no goat you smelled; that was my hat!

No rush on Chappaquiddic clippings.

I have no need of Remington 750, and would have to pay heavy customs duty if I bought in the States. Thanks for the offer, anyway. Better check the specs on that rifle. I don't think it comes in .35 caliber (guessing; I have not checked catalogue). If so, you may have trouble selling, since .35 cal is not popular.

Agreed on Charach and RFK thing-- i.e. that apprehension is warranted for the reasons that you mention. But so far the signs are good that he is on the level, not kooky or publicity mad, and that he has reliable stuff. I plan to treat it that way and watch for contrary signs. Also consider the converse: that Charach is reliable and straight, but that he will attract undesirables forming (perhaps without his consent) a bandwagon in his wake and bringing some disrepute on him.

Your analysis of Nichols'suit coincides with mine in many points-- yours more detailed and having things I didn't consider. I wrote him a letter with some criticism, but not strong and not as much as you justifiably see. Excellent observation about blasting out cartridge case dents; the point is not to know whether they will be blasted out (we know they will), but how they got there. We know only about the case mouth dents, not about what caused the shoulder dents. Your comments on the clip are good, too; they can squash Nichols on that. Here they need only prove that clip can stick, not that it did.

You have by now guessed that I am writing in great haste. It's late and I must stop soon. I'm glad to be kept informed, but since there is not much in you most recent that I can help you with please forgive if I cut this one short.

I'll try Skolnick again later. Let's see what Howard comes up with first.

Playboy reviewed Huie's on MLK and Newman's on JFK. Will send copy later. The review is a case of shit giving rise to maggots. I can't help hating Huie, and those who praise him even very little, or who even speak of him as anything but the worst kind of scoundrel. Newman is something else-- a mere sycophant (mere? Well, "usual", anyway).

Still,

*Dick*

*PS. Enclosed is further contribution to court costs*